

Milpitas' 4th of July Parade

Rules and Regulations

General Information

1. The Milpitas...A Great American City on Parade will be held Friday, July 4, 2003, at 11:00 am. This is a fun, local, non-sanctioned parade to celebrate Milpitas and the Fourth of July.
2. **Parade Theme: "Celebrating the Red, White and Blue"** All entries must reflect this theme.
3. There are no entry fees. Please return completed entry forms to:
Milpitas on Parade
Milpitas Recreation Services
457 E. Calaveras Blvd.
Milpitas, CA 95035
4. **Entry deadline is Friday, June 6, 2003, at 5:00 pm.** Only one entry per person or group is allowed in any given category.
5. All entries must display banners listing their group name, to be displayed in the front of their entry.
6. All entry forms must include a detailed description of the parade entry including a description of how the entry reflects the theme, "Celebrating the Red, White and Blue." **On the day of the parade, those entries not substantially in conformance with the description on the entry form will be immediately disqualified from participation in the parade.**
7. The parade chairman and committee will remain in complete charge and reserve the right to dismiss any entry that damages the parade in word or deed, or in any way misrepresents the conditions of acceptance.
8. All units must perform throughout the parade route and maintain a continuous forward motion throughout the parade. **Entries which disrupt the continuous forward motion of the parade will be disqualified.**
9. Parade units are not allowed to throw any item into the parade audience. Any item, such as candy, Mardi Gras beads, etc., must be handed to individuals from street level. **All items intended for audience distribution must be approved in advance by the Milpitas parade officials.** Items must be submitted for approval no later than Friday, June 6, 2003, at 5:00 pm.
10. No one under six (6) years of age may appear as or in any entry unless accompanied by an adult over eighteen (18) years of age.
11. No open flames or discharging of firearms will be allowed as part of any entry of parade unit.
12. The consumption of alcohol beverages either in the staging area or along the parade route is strictly prohibited.
13. Units with sound or unusual noise must maintain volume at a level low enough, so as not to interfere with other units.
14. No political entries, or political promotions or campaigning allowed.
15. Entries depicting violent, bloody, gory and/or gruesome scenes are prohibited.

Animals, Vehicles & Floats

1. Entries or participants involving vehicles or animals (floats, cars, dogs, etc.) must at all times maintain control of such vehicles or animals.
2. Entries or participants involving animals of any kind **must** provide their own clean-up, or “pooper-scooper” immediately following their entry.
3. Floats, vehicles or other entries must not exceed fourteen (14) feet in height.
4. All vehicles must be in good working order and must not cause damage to the roadway. Only rubber tires are allowed on vehicles.
5. For safety reasons, all living things on vehicles or floats must be secured to avoid injury to themselves, other entries, or audience members.

Judging and Awards

1. This parade is not sanctioned. It is intended to be a fun, local event in which all entries will be judged/evaluated by a panel of local citizens for best representation in each category.
2. Failure to comply with all parade rules will result in disqualification.
3. First, Second, and Third place awards will be given in each parade entry category.

Please retain these guidelines for your records. The Milpitas...A Great American City on Parade is sponsored by the City of Milpitas Recreation Services. Detailed information regarding parade line-up, check-in, and awards will be distributed to entrants beginning June 16, 2003.

Should you have questions, contact Milpitas Recreation Services at (408) 586-3210.

Thank you for your participation.

Celebrating the Red, White & Blue
Milpitas...A Great American City on Parade!

Parade Entry Form • Friday, July 4, 2003 • 11:00 am

Please complete and return to the Milpitas Community Center, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas, CA 95035

Final Deadline to receive entries is Friday, June 6, 2003, at 5:00 pm.

Please type or print legibly • Use separate form for each entry or unit

Name of Entry or Group: _____ # in Entry _____

Name of Group Contact or Representative: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: () _____ Evening Phone: () _____

Please check only one entry category per parade unit.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching/Performing Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous Entry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Best "Milpitas" Themed (cultural/historical) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Floats | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorated Bike |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicles | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorated Pet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Undecorated Car (Pre 1959) | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Decorated Car (Pre-1959 to Present) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Undecorated Car (1960-79) | <input type="checkbox"/> Youngest Milpitan in Parade: Birthdate _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Undecorated Car (1980-Present) | <input type="checkbox"/> Oldest Milpitan in Parade: Birthdate _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am willing to host a dignitary in my car. | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Patriotic Group: <input type="checkbox"/> Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Decorated Youth Group (under 25 people) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Decorated Youth Group (over 25 people) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Decorated Senior Citizen Group |

For publicity and parade announcer, please give a brief detailed description of your entry (50 words or less). This section must be completed in order for your entry to be announced at the reviewing stand. Please write the narrative as you wish the announcer to read it (no bullet statements or outlines). **Changes in this section may be made up to Friday, June 6, 2003, at 5:00 pm. No descriptions will be accepted after this date.**

For non-publicity/announcer use: Write a detailed description of your entry (50 words or less). On the day of the parade, those entries not substantially in conformance with the description on the entry form will be immediately disqualified from participation in the parade (refer to #6 of the Rules and Regulations).

Is there anything unusual or out-of-the-ordinary about your entry that the City of Milpitas should be made aware of? (Not for Announcer) _____

I have read the Rules and Regulations and my entry will comply to them. I understand if my entry does not comply with the Rules and Regulations, it can be disqualified. _____ *(initial here)*

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I, the undersigned, on behalf of myself, the owners and participants involved in our entry, do hereby agree to indemnify and hold the City of Milpitas harmless from and against any and all liability for any injury which may be suffered by the aforementioned individuals arising out of or in any way connected with their participation in this activity. I also agree, as a participant of any paid or free event, to grant full permission to the City of Milpitas and use my/our name and any photographs, videographs, motion pictures or recordings for any publicity and promotion purposes without obligation or liability to me/us.

Signature of Person Completing Application _____ Date _____

Print Name: _____

Parade Entry Categories

Please Note: *This parade is a fun, local, non-sanctioned parade to celebrate Milpitas and the Fourth of July.*

Categories may be eliminated or combined with other categories if less than three (3) entries are received in a given category by the official entry deadline. Number of entry spaces in each category may be limited to comply with the event time constraints.

Early entry submittal is highly encouraged. Some entry categories may close when maximum participation/entry is reached.

Submittal of a Parade Entry Form does not guarantee participation or placement as an entry in the Milpitas Parade.

Deadline for entries is Friday, June 6, 2003, at 5:00 pm. NO EXCEPTIONS.

I. Marching/Performing Groups

- A. Precision oriented marching or walking entries distinguished by the performance of any combination of one or more of the following: formation changes, foot/leg moves, body/head moves, arm/hand moves, equipment/prop moves, vocalizations.

II. Walking Groups

- A. A uniformed/costumed or plain clothes group, not precision-oriented, marching or walking, whose focus is participation rather than performance.

III. Floats

- A. A float should be at least 4 feet by 6 feet, built on wheels and decorated to give the illusion of “floating.” A decorated or non-decorated vehicle, van or pick-up is **not** considered a float.

IV. Vehicles and Automobiles

- A. Undecorated entries must be made within period listed.

Please Note: Vehicle entries (convertibles preferred) are asked to consider hosting a dignitary in their vehicle during the parade. Please mark the appropriate box on the entry form if you are willing to host a dignitary.

V. Themed Entries

- A. Entries in these classifications should fit the parade’s theme, “Celebrating the Red, White and Blue.”

VI. Miscellaneous Entry

- A. Any parade entry that does not fit the description of any other classification.